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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE

The new group health and life insurance plan for state officers and employees is now in effect. You must enroll to be on the plan. If you have not enrolled and wish to be covered you should do so as soon as possible. Contact Bonnie Albiston at the Legislative Council, 449-3064 if you have questions.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE CSG

Plans are nearly final for the Western Conference of the Council of State Governments. The theme of the conference to be held in Helena from September 22-26 is Energy in the West. A copy of the program is enclosed. By the time you receive this, the Five-State Conference will be well underway.

### HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE LAWS

It appears that the complete 15-volume set of the Montana Code Annotated (1979) will not be available until December, 1979.

However, an updated version of any part of the code may be obtained from the Legislative Council for immediate use.

Anyone needing the latest version of specific parts of the code has several format choices from which to choose when ordering from the Council.

1. The requested code sections can be printed (typewritten) on computer paper at a nominal cost, usually \$5.
2. The sections can be printed (typewritten) on good white paper. The requestor may specify the margins and general printing format desired. The basic cost of this type of copy is 10¢ a page. However, there is an additional service

charge if there are multiple code sections that need to be selected at random, rather than entire chapters or titles.

3. The sections can be produced in camera-ready (typeset) copy for specific code Titles or combinations of code sections. This is the format used when there is a need for a large number of reproductions.

In addition, as individual volumes of the printed code are delivered to the Council offices (the printer estimates delivery of five per month), code subscribers may pick up the individual volumes as they are received. The Council will not automatically mail partial sets of the code, but will do so upon special request.

#### INTERIM COMMITTEES

##### CORRECTIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Study Committee on Corrections Policy and Facility Needs visited the prison facilities at Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge August 23. On August 24 the Committee received reports from the Department of Institutions concerning prison population projections and prison expansion alternatives. It was announced that the Department's original prison population projections were overstated. More recent population projections do not justify the prison expansion project funded by the 46th Legislature. The Department announced that it has dropped plans to construct the proposed Stillwater forest camp.

##### STILLWATER PROJECTS DROPPED

##### CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE TO FOCUS ON SENTENCING

The final report from the House Select Committee on Prisons was presented and focused mainly on the problems of health care at the prison.

The next meeting of the Committee will be October 11 and 12. The Committee will tour Mountain View School and receive a progress report from the Department of Institutions concerning tentative plans for facilities and programs to meet correctional needs. The bulk of the meeting will focus on the

issues of sentencing in Montana. The Committee has invited representatives from the Montana Justice Project's Corrections Task Force and Courts Task Force to discuss sentencing recommendations. The Committee will discuss various sentencing alternatives including mandatory/uniform sentencing and presumptive sentencing.

INDIAN AFFAIRS  
MEETING HELD

The Select Committee on Indian Affairs held its second meeting in Billings on August 10, 1979. The third meeting of the Committee will also be held in Billings. The meeting date is scheduled for October 12 with cross deputization of law enforcement officers to be the primary topic.

CONTAINER  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING IN  
OCTOBER

The Committee on Containers will hold its second meeting at the Capitol in Room 104 on October 6, 1979. The meeting will be primarily devoted to receiving data and hearing position statements by interested persons.

REVENUE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO  
BE HELD

The Revenue Oversight Committee will meet Saturday, September 8, in Room 104, State Capitol, Helena, at 9:30 a.m. The Committee will appoint a new member to fill a vacancy on the Committee.

Continuing its oversight function, the Committee will receive a report from the Department of Revenue on pending legal cases, proposed and adopted rules, and progress in several Department programs. The Committee also plans to discuss preliminary research reports on its study of Montana's greenbelt law (HJR 42) and of Montana's alcoholic beverages regulation system (SJR 30).

The Committee's next meeting will be November 10.

## WATER RESOURCES AND ADJUDICATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD  
AUGUST 10

The Water Committee met August 10 and elected Representative John Scully as Chairman and Senator Tom Hager as Vice-Chairman. The Committee heard a report on the progress on the adjudication program from DNRC officials. A September 22 meeting has been scheduled to further discuss progress in the adjudication program. Judge Lessley is scheduled to speak with the Committee.

## LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING  
SCHEDULED  
SEPT. 14 & 15

The Legislative Finance Committee will meet on September 14 and 15 in the State Capitol. The agenda will include:

Discussion with board of public education personnel concerning construction plans at the school for the deaf and blind.

Progress report on the university funding study.

Report from the executive budget office on consulting contracts.

Discussion of Chapter 692 concerning state funding of district courts.

Report on general fund revenues and their impact on tax relief.

## STUDY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY FORECASTING

MEETING  
SCHEDULED  
SEPT. 23

Senator George Roskie, chairman, has tentatively called a meeting of the Energy Forecasting Committee on Sunday, September 23 at 9:00 A.M. at the Colonial Inn. The Committee plans to hold discussions with representatives of major regional interests involved with energy forecasting for the region and who will be available as a result of their attendance at the Western Conference.



## LEGISLATIVE INTERIM CALENDAR

MONTH OCTOBER

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

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DEPOSITS

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Western Conference CSG Annual Meeting Tentative Schedule  
Colonial Inn  
September 22-26

Saturday, September 22

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Registration
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Facilitators Meeting
4:30 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Early Bird Reception - Colonial

Sunday, September 23

7:30 a.m.	Steak and Eggs Breakfast
8:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings: Government Reform and Fiscal Affairs Agriculture Transportation
12:30 p.m.	Lunch - Speaker: Dr. Alan Rosenthal, Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University
2:30 p.m.	Committee Meetings: Energy and Natural Resources Judiciary Education and Social Services
6:00 p.m.	Pitchfork Fondue - County Fairgrounds Music by Mission Mountain Wood Band

Monday, September 24

7:30 a.m.	Women's Caucus - Presiding: Rep. Gretchen Kafourty, Oregon
8:30 a.m.	Opening Session - Presiding: Senator Robert Ziegler, Sr., Alaska - Invocation: - Welcomes:
8:45 a.m.	Plenary Session - Presiding: Rep. William Grannell, Oregon Energy Issues in the West - Speaker: Charles A. Duncan, Secretary of Energy
9:30 a.m.	Energy Options Panel - Moderator: Lt. Governor Ted Schwinden, Montana - Panelists: Oil - Ed Cahill, Economic Consultant, Standard Oil of California Coal - Charles Metzger, Regional Representative of the Secretary, U.S. DOE, Region VIII

- 9:30 a.m. Synthetic Fuels - Dave Freudenthal,  
Administrative Aide to  
Governor, Wyoming
- Nuclear -  
Solar and Renewables - Wilson Clark,  
Assistant to the Governor  
for Issues and Planning,  
California, or  
Amory Lovins, Friends of the Earth
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
- Speaker: Neil Goldschmidt, Acting Secretary  
of Transportation, or Amory Lovins
- 2:00 p.m. Conservation:  
Daniel Yergin, Professor, Harvard University,  
and Editor, Energy Future  
C. P. Davenport, Vice President, Pacific  
Power & Light Co.  
Ed Kearney, Executive Director, National  
Commission on Uniform Traffic  
Laws
- 3:30 p.m. Transportation Panel  
- Moderator: Representative John Sessions, Idaho  
- Panelists:  
Transportation of Coal - Lila Cockrell,  
San Antonio  
Transportation of Oil - James R. Hodge,  
Northern Tier Pipeline  
Transportation of Nuclear Materials - Bob  
Jefferson, Manager, Transportation  
Technology, Sandia Labs
- 6:30 p.m. Cocktails
- 8:00 p.m. Montana State Dinner  
- Presiding: Justice John Sheehy  
- Keynote: Governor Thomas Judge  
- Entertainment: Shearen Elebash

Tuesday, September 25

- 7:30 a.m. Executive Committee Breakfast with Jack Watson,  
Assistant to the President for Intergovern-  
mental Affairs
- 8:30 a.m. Plenary Session  
- The Administration's plan - Jack Watson
- 9:30 a.m. Guy Martin, Assistant Secretary, Land and  
Water, Department of Interior
- 10:00 a.m. Regulatory Incentives and Barriers  
- Moderator: John Watson  
- Panelists:  
Utility Regulations - Conley Ward, Jr.,  
Commissioner, Idaho Public Service Commission  
Taxing of Energy Resources - Senator Tom Towe,  
Montana

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- 10:00 a.m. Interstate Transmission of Power - Dennis Eyre,  
Western Systems Coordinating Council  
Resource Ownership - Rep. Cary Peterson, Utah  
Environmental Regulations - Nicholas Yost,  
General Counsel, Council on Environmental  
Quality
- 12:00 p.m. Working Session--Focus: Regulatory Incentives and  
Barriers
- I Energy Options
    - A. Oil
    - B. Coal
    - C. Synthetic Fuels
    - D. Solar and Renewables
    - E. Nuclear
  - II Conservation
    - A. Residential and Commercial
    - B. Industrial
    - C. Transportation
  - III Transportation
    - A. Transportation of Coal
    - B. Transportation of Oil
    - C. Transportation of Nuclear Materials
- 6:00 p.m. Frontier Town

Wednesday, September 26

- 8:30 a.m. Business Session
- Report from Work Groups
  - Study Committees' Reports
  - Women's Caucus Report
  - Western Conference Reorganization Plan
  - Resolutions
  - Election of Officers
  - Report on 1980 Annual Meeting
  - Invitation for 1981 Annual Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Adjournment

# REGISTRATION

1979 Annual Meeting - Western Conference of the Council of State Governments

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel Accommodations Required: Single(\$18-26) \_\_\_\_\_ Double(\$26-28) \_\_\_\_\_ Twin(\$26-34) \_\_\_\_\_

Accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ (ages of children if applicable)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend but DO NOT need hotel accommodations.

## Travel Plans:

ARRIVAL: Sept. \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_ am/pm Driving \_\_\_\_ (or) Flight name & no. \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE: Sept. \_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_ am/pm Driving \_\_\_\_ (or) Flight name & no. \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference Registration Fees	*	Working Groups
(payable in Helena)	*	(number in order
	*	of preference)
Delegates \$100	*	Alternatives
Spouse 35	*	Conservation
Guests 250	*	Transportation
	*	Regulation
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 165 Post Street, Room 501  
 San Francisco, CA 94108

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